

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
I believe that I am an original joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DECOMPRESSION VALVE

the specification of which was filed on **3 February 2004** as PCT application **PCT/EP2004/000946**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Applications</u>			
Country	Number	Filing Date	Priority claimed
DE	10312177.3	19 March 2003	Yes
DE	20318265.0	26 November 2003	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States Application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
PCT/EP2004/000946	3 February 2004	Pending

I hereby appoint as attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business connected therewith:

Herbert Dubno, Reg. 19,752; Jonathan Myers, Reg. 26,963; Andrew Wilford, Reg. 26,597 and each of them individually.

Address all correspondence to:

The Firm of Karl F. Ross, P.C.
Customer Number 535
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Box 900
Bronx, New York 10471-0900

Direct all telephone calls to:

(718) 884-6600

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by

fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor: **Rainer BRILL**

Inventor's signature

Date:

Residence: **Nidda, Germany**

Citizen of Germany

Post-office Address: **Waldstrasse 8, D-63667 Nidda, Germany**

Full name of second inventor: **Klaus SCHLEPP**

Inventor's signature

Date:

Residence: **Maxhütte-Birkenhöhe, Germany**

Citizen of Germany

Post-office Address: **Almenstrasse 23, D-93142 Maxhütte-Birkenhöhe, Germany**

Full name of third inventor: **Michael WEBER**

Inventor's signature

Date:

Residence: **Bernhardswald, Germany**

Citizen of Germany

Post-office Address: **Seewiesenweg 4, D-93170 Bernhardswald, Germany**

Full name of fourth inventor: **Georg WITTENZELLNER**

Inventor's signature

Date:

Residence: **Obertraubling, Germany**

Citizen of Germany

Post-office Address: **Eichenstrasse 12, D-93083 Obertraubling, Germany**